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CHEROKEE

DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, MASS, US, EG
SUBJECT: SADAT'S REQUEST RE C-130'S

REF: STATE 49657

1. BEFORE GOING BACK TO SADAT ON C-130 QUESTION, I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING SOME CLARIFICATION ON ALLEGED PERTINENT TALK BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND SADAT. SADAT KNOWS THAT THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED WHEN SECDEF BROWN CALLED ON HIM, BUT ALSO INSISTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM. HE SAYS IT WAS AT THEIR LAST RPT LAST PRIVATE MEETING IN WHITE HOUSE.

2. I DO NOT HAVE DETAILS. JUDGING FROM SADAT'S DESCRIPTION, HOWEVER, I RATHER SUSPECT THAT HE RAISED THE ISSUE. HE SOMEHOW HAS THE IDEA THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AGREED THAT SIX C-130'S MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM USAF INVENTORY. HE QUOTES PRESIDENT CARTER AS TELLING HIM ABOUT "ROCKETS" (PRESUMABLY JATO) ON THE USAF C-130'S WHICH GIVE IT A STOL CAPABILITY TO TAKE OFF IN "THIRTY OR FORTY YARDS."

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3. I WILL INFORM SADAT AND GAMASY OF LEASING POSSIBILITY, BUT BELIEVE CLARIFICATION OF THE ABOVE IS DESIRABLE BEFORE DOING SO. I SUSPECT EGYPTIANS WILL FIND THE LEASING COST TOO HIGH TO WANT TO PICK UP THE OFFER. EILTS

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